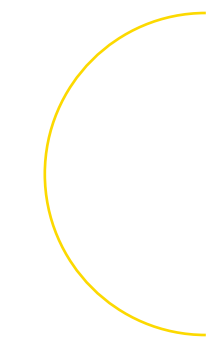


Strengthening Quality Assurance in Higher Education

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 - Assets and Challenges
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EVALAG - Its mission and activities

Mission

Accompanying higher education institutions (HEIs) in their efforts to **improve quality assurance**

Supporting HEIs in their efforts to **enhance mobility**

Contributing to more **European integration** (facilitating cross border activities, recognition of degrees and courses, more cooperation among HEIs)

Contribution to **more autonomy** for HEIs in the EHEA

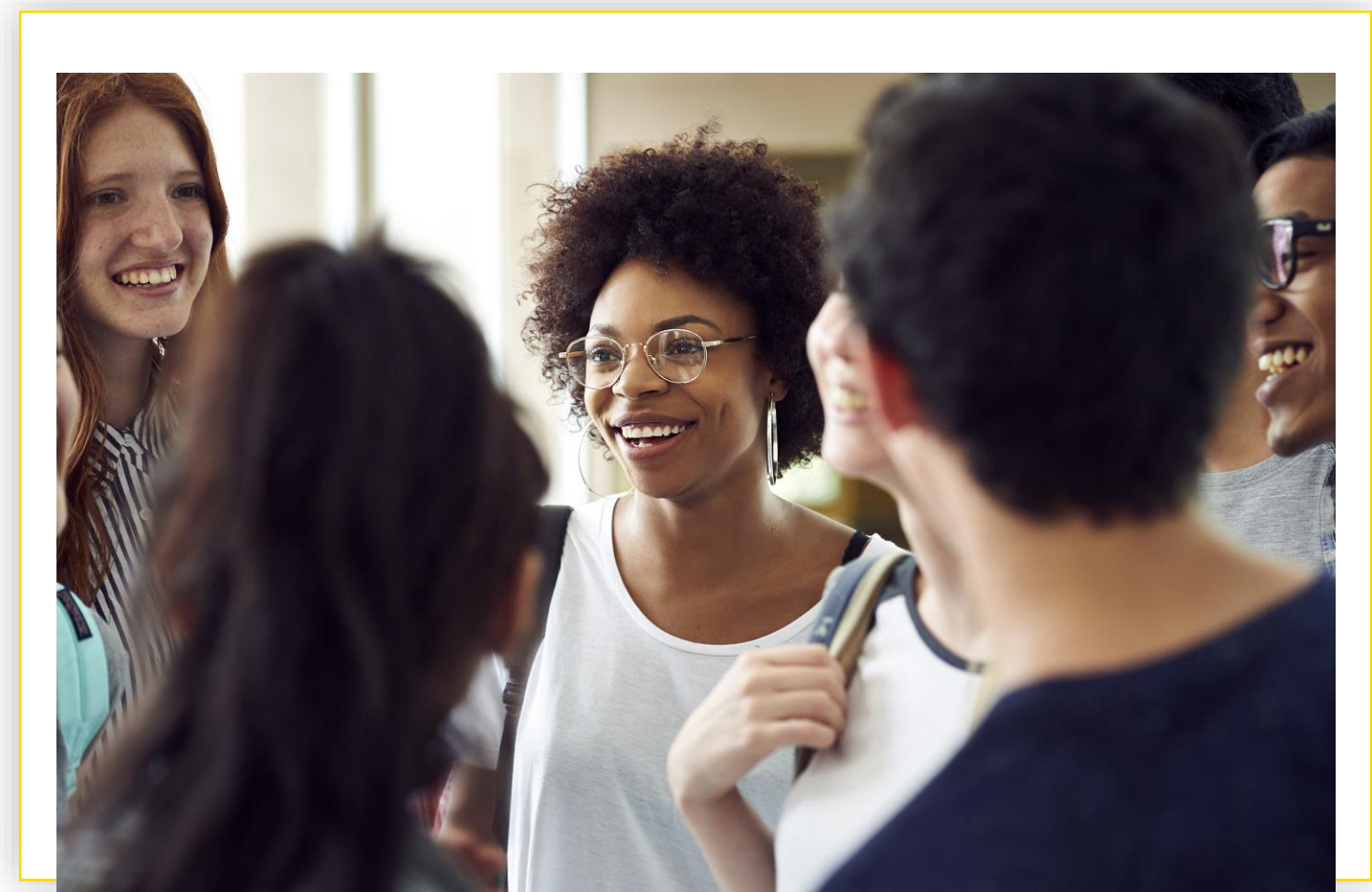


EVALAG's approach

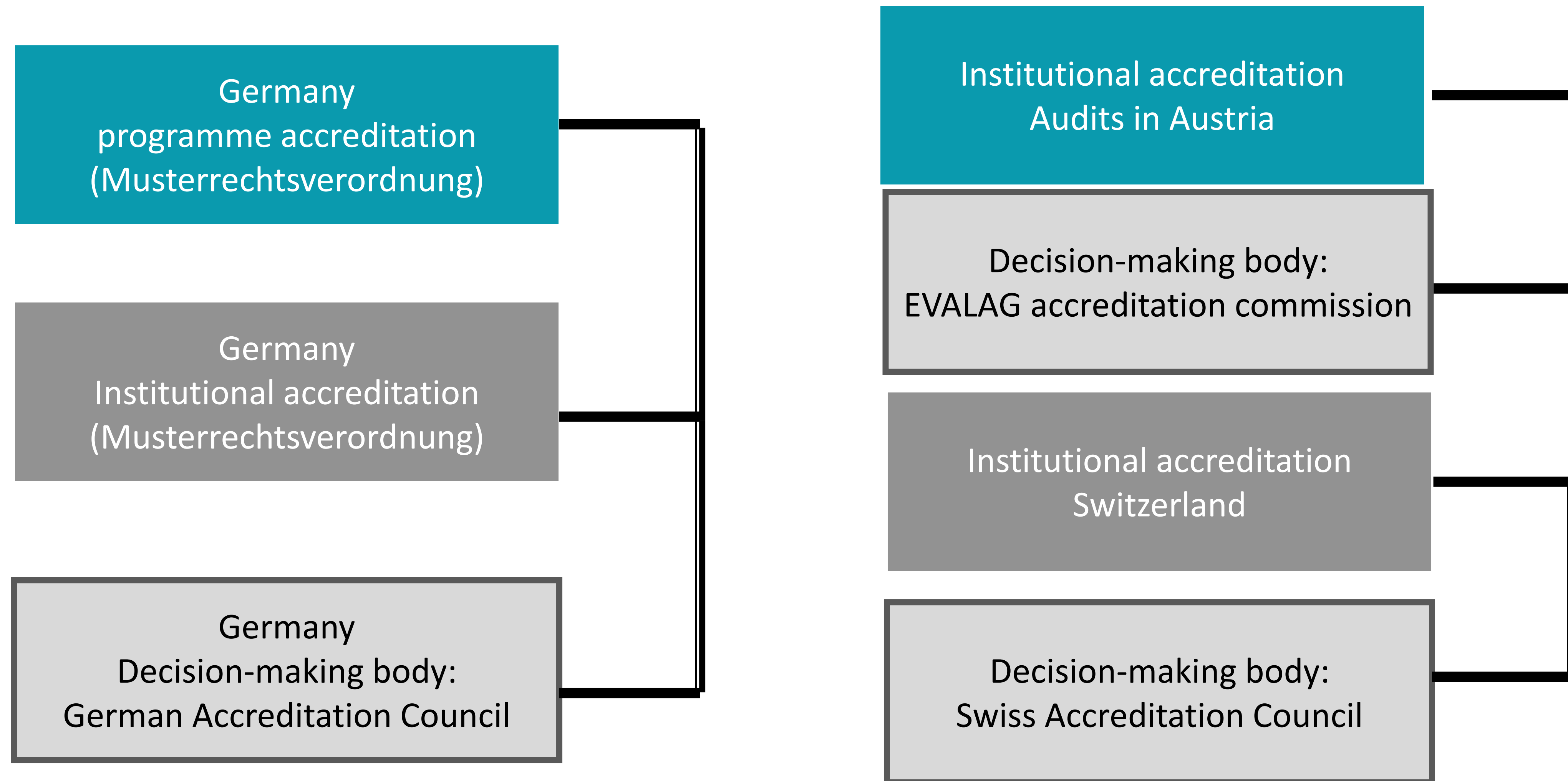
Companion for HEIs

Dialogue with stakeholders (HEIs, students, professors, agencies, industry representatives, international organisations)

Diversity in HEIs Promoting the idea of diversity in teaching and learning



Accreditation - Activities on the national level according to national rules



Cross-border QA

Certification - Activities on the national level according to national rules

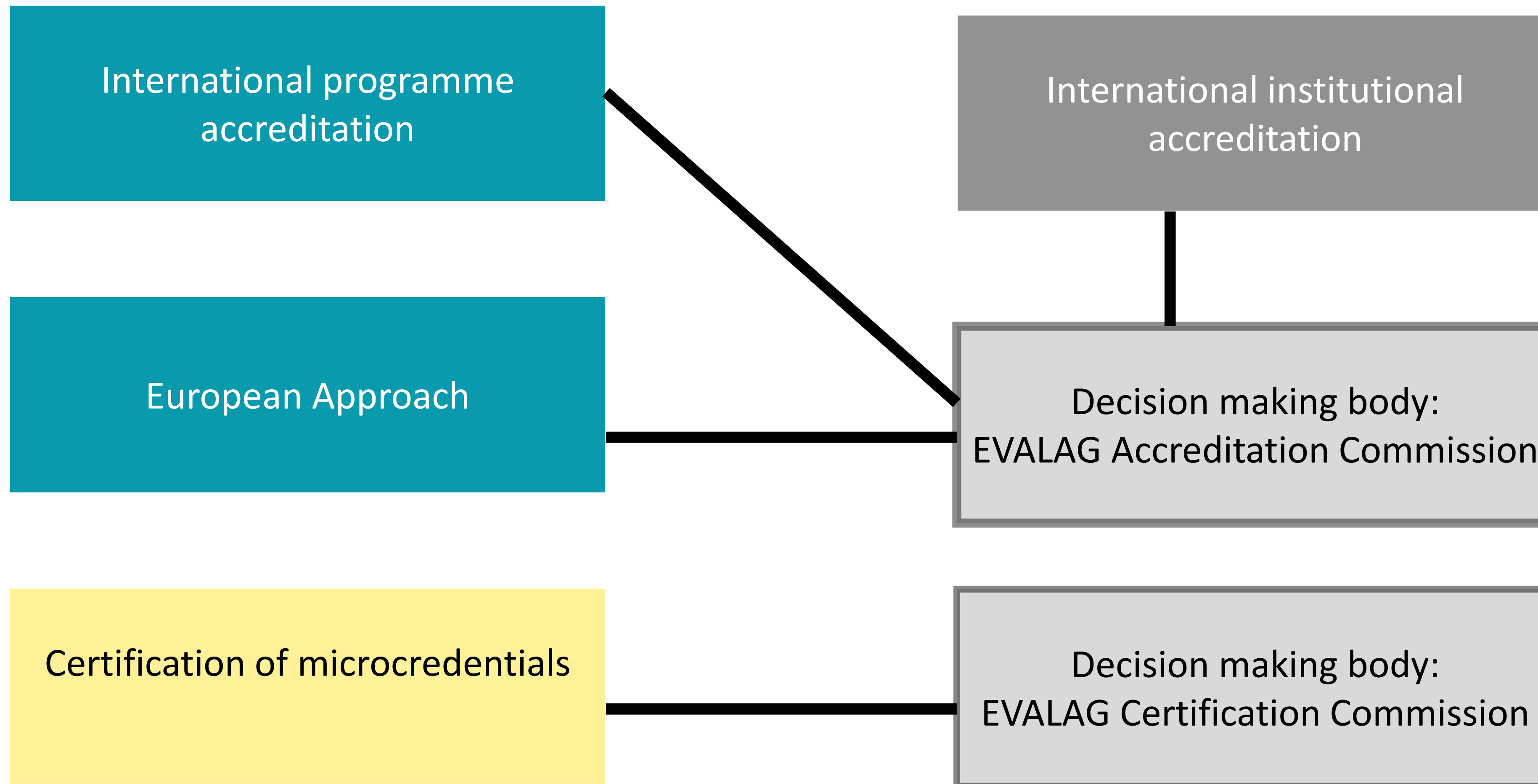
Certification of microcredentials

Decision-making body:
EVALAG Certification Commission

We define microcredentials as CPD and/or teaching units offered by HEIs

target group: lifelong learners

scope: below the extent of a whole study programme



Cross-border QA International accreditation

Cross-border QA = external QA activities of a QA agency carried out in a country other than the one in which it is based or primarily operates.

For higher education institutions, this may be a **voluntary process or part of the national mandatory external QA**.

In case of a national mandatory external QA, EVALAG contacts the national agency or authority in order to find a common understanding.

In case of a voluntary external QA, EVALAG informs the national agency or authority about the procedure.

Cross-border QA International accreditation

Priority Areas for international accreditation

EHEA

European Neighbourhood

Lebanon, Jordan, Tunisia

(potential) EU candidates

Albania, Kosovo

Cross-border QA International accreditation

The benefits of cross-border QA

HEIs perspective

- Find an agency that best suits their own profile
- more internationalisation
- Help improve the recognition of their qualifications

Agency view

- possibility to expand the profile
- learning opportunities to improve

Further activities

exchanges with agencies and organisations (for example ENQA, EQAR, CEENQA, ECA, INQAHEE)

meetings with stakeholders

ESU training (in collaboration with other European agencies)

Training for (potential) experts

Research about the impact of QA

Erasmus+ or horizon 2024 projects (with cooperation partners)

conferences dealing with QA issues

Assets and Challenges

- Communication with HEIs abroad – different expectations and mindsets when it comes to quality assurance, more communication is needed
- The challenge of online site visits
- Emphasis on the voluntary cross border QA and the perspective on it: It is an asset, not a rival
- Working for less red tape on the national level via more cross-border activities and more collaboration with agencies from abroad

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